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Tribute to Rylee Sears

Memorial. Teammates, peers share memories of 16-year-old who died of meningococcal meningitis



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Jasmine Haggarty-Lucia looked around at the stands packed with hundreds of cheering fans sporting the Sackville Flyers' colours of orange and black, people of all ages watching the blurs of hockey players circle around the ice.

"It feels nice that there's so much support for him, because he deserves it," Haggarty-Lucia, 16, said with a small break in her voice during the memorial game for Rylee Sears at the Sackville Arena on Sunday.

Sears, a 16-year-old member of the Sackville Minor Hockey midget B team, died in hospital of meningococcal meningitis last Monday.

Six days later his former

teammates played the midget A team in a tribute game for the Sackville High School student.

Haggarty-Lucia said although the last week has been hard she will always remember her friend's kindness. "He always wanted to make people smile; he never wanted anybody to be sad," she said.

"He had such a big heart. He was so nice to everybody," added fellow Grade 10 student Kayla Elridge.

Sackville High Grade 12 student Connor O'Brien said he had enjoyed getting to know Sears over the past few months on the high school volleyball team. O'Brien said the students have been able to rely on one another and share their memories of Sears. "He was a very caring individual. He put himself out of the way to help anyone," O'Brien said.

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Rylee Sears
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PATS INFLATE THEIR LEGACY

Tom Brady of the New England Patriots celebrates with the Vince Lombardi Trophy after defeating the Seattle Seahawks during Super Bowl XLIX at University of Phoenix Stadium on Sunday in Glendale, Arizona. The Patriots defeated the Seahawks 28-24. For coverage, see page 20. ROB CARR/GETTY IMAGES



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Assaults nearly double at Halifax jail, records show

Violence. Feces thrown, guards spat on during violent incidents at Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility

The number of assaults at Nova Scotia's largest jail nearly doubled in the first six months of last year compared to the same period in 2013 as inmates injured guards and fought each other after small frustrations turned into flash-points of escalating violence.

Incident reports released to The Canadian Press through freedom of information legislation detail one case where feces was thrown, others where guards were spat on and brawls that included the use of handmade weapons at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Dartmouth.

There were 70 assaults between offenders, 32 assaults on staff and three fights in the first six months of 2014.

In 2013 during the same period, there were 35 offender assaults, six assaults on staff and 16 fights documented.

The reports show how moments of frustration quickly spiralled last year.

Five officers were assaulted in an outbreak of violence that began when an offender threw a juice jug in a prison day room because he was frustrated by the telephones, says a report dated Feb. 5.

Injuries requiring hospi-



The Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Burnside, shown in this file photo, was home to several serious assaults in 2014. JEFF HARPER/METRO

talization are noted throughout the reports, such as an Oct. 26, 2013, assault where an inmate suffers "massive face wounds" in a fight. In another case on Feb. 9, 2014, a female correctional officer was repeatedly punched by an inmate.

The records also document a continuing effort to halt the flow of smuggled drugs. Between Jan. 1, 2013, and July 1,

2014, 43 Dilaudid pills, bags of marijuana and painkillers, such as hydromorphone and Percocets, were seized.

The April 7 death of 23-year-old Clayton Cromwell is also contained in the reports, but they don't explain what occurred beyond the fact that his body was found in his cell. A spokesman for the province's Justice Department said an internal investigation has been provided to police, who are still investigating.

Ron Joiner, a correctional officer instructor at the Nova Scotia Community College, said the records reflect tensions shared by Canadian

Over capacity

389

The number of prisoners at the jail last winter. The facility was built to house 272.

provincial prisons that hold people awaiting trial or for short sentences.

"Rehabilitation is, I think, a secondary consideration ... because they are basically warehouses for offenders," he said, noting that between 65 and 70 per cent of prisoners at the Halifax jail are on remand.

"You have very few offend-

ers who are serving time for much more than 12 months, so the level of rehabilitative programming is fairly low."

Sean Kelly, the province's director of correctional services, said he expects violence to decrease with the completion of a new prison expected to open this winter in northern Nova Scotia, adding it could lead to the transfer of up to about 100 inmates.

When violent incidents break out, he said staff are normally nearby and respond within seconds.

"You never totally eliminate acts of violence in a correctional facility," he said.

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"At some point if you continue to allow frustration to build up it's going to boil over."

John Peach, director of the John Howard Society of Nova Scotia

A look at what goes on inside the facility

GANGING UP

Sometimes offenders can find themselves outnumbered when fights break out. Five inmates attacked one prisoner on March 7, 2014, in a process described as "keeping six" around the cell. On June 21, a similar instance arose when five offenders assaulted one inmate.

BOILING POINT

Small frustrations can rapidly deteriorate into violence. In one case on Feb. 5, an offender threw a juice jug at the day room front window after becoming frustrated when the phones went down. He and others soon became "restive and aggressive" and four inmates were reported to police for assaulting and resisting staff.

CROSSING A LINE

There have been numerous assaults on staff, but sometimes inmates risk facing the wrath of their peers for their actions. On Feb. 9, an inmate punched a female staff officer. Other prisoners pulled him off of the woman. "Inmates were angry with the attacker for his action," the incident report says.

TURF WARS

An emergency code was called on March 2 for the prison's west wing when a group of inmates, including one wielding a shower brush, ganged up on an offender. Another inmate attempted to come down the stairs from his cell to join the fray. "This was an attempt by the West ... offenders to run off ... offenders house on this range," the incident report says.

RIOT

Police responded on March 24 after a "major altercation" erupts involving nearly all offenders from a unit, some with weapons. Four inmates were injured. On June 1, ambulances were called to care for injured prisoners after another bout of violence involving weapons broke out.

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Packed house at memorial game for young player

Sackville. Midget teams have raised more than \$12K for Rylee Sears' family so far



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Players bearing the name Sears on the back of their jerseys and No. 17 on their sleeves, leaned on their hockey sticks as they watched moments of Rylee Sears' life pass in a photo slide show, hundreds of lights winking in the stands.

On Sunday evening, more than 1,400 people packed into the Sackville Arena for a memorial game for Sears, the 16-year-old Sackville Flyers Midget B hockey player who died in hospital last Monday of meningococcal meningitis.

"This is actually overwhelming, but I'm not surprised because our community is so much like a family," said Sackville Flyers Midget co-ordinator Kim Gray, an orange ribbon pinned to her jacket in memory of Sears.

Many in the crowd held flashing silvery lights before the game, as pictures on a screen showed Sears as a laughing child, posing with teams, blowing out



Josh Sears, centre, looks up to his brother Rylee Sears' teammates prior to the start of a memorial hockey game in Rylee's honour at Sackville Arena Sunday. For more photos from the event, visit metronews.ca/halifax. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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"It's really beautiful. It just shows what the community is willing to do for each other." Shelley Kidson

birthday candles and smiling in a suit before junior

high prom. Sears' younger brother,

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"It's important ... to bring Rylee's memory out here, and just to celebrate his life." Nicole Hobbs

Josh, wore an orange jersey and looked up at the older

B team players next to him as they stood on the ice be-

fore the game, while Sears' younger sister Madison dropped the puck.

Gray said she got the "shocking" call Sears had died last Monday morning, and although the Flyers had a moment of silence on their own, Gray said they all felt something more needed to be done for the family.

The midget A and B teams came up with a tribute game idea, with all funds raised going to help the Sears family, and by 9 p.m. Sunday more than \$12,300 had been raised through a GoFundMe page.

Nicole Hobbs, midget A team manager, said both teams were "honoured" to step out on the ice for the first time since Sears' death and help his family.

"The family will be off work for over a month," Hobbs said. "The last thing a family needs to worry about right now is money."

Shelley Kidson said she had watched Sears grow up in her lunch monitor role at Cavalier Drive School, and stood watching the game with tears in her eyes as she talked about the boy with the "big smile."

Kidson said dealing with the loss has been hard, but judging by the huge outpouring of support on Sunday, she is hopeful the Sears family will get through this because "there's so many people there to help."

Council meeting will tackle fire service, garbage hearing

Halifax regional councillors will be trying to get through two weeks' worth of agenda items at Tuesday's meeting of the committee of the whole and the regional council.

The committee of the whole (COW) discussion on the review of the Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency service that was cancelled due to the winter storm on Jan. 27 will be debated on Tuesday instead.

The review calls for a five-year, \$9.4-million investment in new technology; the clos-

ure of three career and four volunteer fire stations; the relocation of two career stations in Bedford and Sackville; and, the reconfiguration of several rural volunteer stations.

The regular council agenda includes several items from the Jan. 27 meeting along with two public hearings — one of which is on the proposed change to HRM's solid waste bylaws.

The recommendation from city staff is to allow industrial, commercial and institutional

(ICI) waste to be exported out of HRM while increasing the tipping fees at the Otter Lake landfill from \$125 per tonne to \$170.

A staff report suggests this will allow the city to recover the actual cost to the system of processing ICI waste at the landfill, while reducing the amount of waste coming into the landfill.

The public hearing on HRM's solid waste bylaws is set for 6 p.m. on Tuesday at City Hall. RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

Weather. Mix of rain and snow headed for Halifax

It looks like it will be one messy commute home on Monday.

Environment Canada issued an update late Sunday afternoon to its forecast as another major winter storm is set to strike the province.

On Sunday morning, Environment Canada issued a winter storm watch for Halifax, saying the region could see anywhere between 15 and 30 centimetres of snow.

However, at 5 p.m. Sunday, the winter storm watch ended for Halifax and a heavy rainfall warning was issued.

According to Environment Canada, snow — at times heavy — was forecast to begin Mon-

Spared again

Halifax again appears to be missing the bulk of the snow that other parts of the province will see. Central and northern areas of the province could get up to 40 cm.

day afternoon in Halifax, with about five centimetres, along with blowing snow. On Monday evening, snow will change to periods of rain near midnight, but not before another 10 centimetres of the white stuff.

When the rain begins, as much as 25 millimetres could fall. METRO



Fire Station 13 in Dartmouth. Council will discuss a review that proposes closing 7 stations. JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

Thousands raised online for house fire victims' family

Wyses Corner.

GoFundMe initiative already tops \$20K



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Heather Teepell will remember the Wards as three of the most amazing people you could hope to meet.

Bill and Ida Ward had fostered a number of children over the years in their home on Old Guysborough Road in Wyses Corner.

They were involved in their local church and would "give you the shirt off their back."

"Everyone will tell you that Ida always had a hug for you," Teepell recalled Friday.

Their daughter, Mildred Ann, was quiet, the 29-year-old says, but was a kind and dedicated mother to her children.

"They didn't care who you were, they'd treat you like family," said Teepell.

Teepell has known the

Online auction

Because of the flood of donations, an online auction with around 100 items has been scheduled to begin Monday and can be accessed through the Ward Family Benefit Facebook page.

family for the past 10 years and lives a 10-minute drive from where, on the night of Jan. 7, their home was ravaged by fire and their bodies were later recovered.

RCMP subsequently ruled their deaths as homicides, and a 30-year-old man has been charged with all three murders.

A day after the tragedy, Teepell contacted Bill and Ida's grandchildren, asking to organize an auction to help raise money to pay for funeral expenses and final arrangement for the house.

"There's a lot of money involved in laying to rest one person, let alone three," she said.

"There was no insurance on the house," Teepell



From left: Clifford William Ward, 81; Ida Raye Ward, 74; surviving relative Nikita, 15; and Nikita's mom Mildred Ann Ward, 54. COURTESY JENNIE MAE ROY

added, saying the rest of the family is now responsible

for cleaning up the rubble and removing the debris

from the property.

On Jan. 8, Teepell began

Another fundraiser

\$25,000

The amount of money raised during a live auction that took place for the family at Shooter's Bar and Grill in Enfield on Saturday night.

a GoFundMe online fundraiser, with an original goal set at \$5,000, which she was "giddy" to see met within a day. Nearly a month later, \$20,150 has been collected.

"They're absolutely floored," Teepell said of the family's reaction.

"All of it is going straight to the family."

Besides covering the costs of final arrangements, the money will go to Mildred Ann's 15-year-old daughter, Nikita, who is now living with an aunt and uncle.

Many of the donations have come from people who were once connected to the family, but a number have been given from strangers as far away as North Carolina and Arizona, Teepell said.



Codey Reginald Hennigar is taken from court in Dartmouth on Jan. 9.

ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Suspect's hearing pushed back

The 30-year-old man who is facing second-degree murder charges in the deaths of three people at a residence on Old Guysborough Road is due back in court in mid-February.

Codey Reginald Hennigar

of Wyses Corner was scheduled to appear in Dartmouth provincial court Friday, but the hearing was pushed back until Feb. 13.

Hennigar initially faced two counts of second-degree murder in the deaths of Mil-

dred Ann Ward, 54, and Clifford William Ward, 81.

One week later, RCMP charged him with the death of Ida Raye Ward, 74.

Their bodies were found in a home on Old Guysborough Road after a fire broke out in

on the evening of Jan. 7.

Hours later, police arrested a suspect who rammed two RCMP vehicles in Milford — a half-hour drive from the scene — while driving a car registered to the address of the home that burned. **METRO**

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Environment. Permit for pulp mill tightens emissions over five years

A pulp mill in Nova Scotia that has come under fire for exceeding pollution limits plans to challenge a new industrial permit that calls for tighter restrictions on emissions and water consumption.

Bruce Chapman, general manager at the Northern Pulp mill near Pictou, says the new five-year provincial permit is unacceptable because it threatens the long-term viability of the mill.

The regulations "don't put us on a level playing field with other mills," said Chapman, who declined to be more specific. The company says implementing the new rules could cost Northern Pulp about \$90 million.

"We are committed to improving our environmental footprint, but this doesn't allow us to maintain a sustain-

Water usage

The mill is using about 95,000 cubic metres of water per day, a figure that must be reduced to 67,500 cubic metres by 2020 — a 34 per cent reduction.

able business," Chapman said.

Earlier, Environment Minister Randy Delorey said the permit responds to concerns raised by residents of Pictou County, some of whom have complained for years about the stench coming from the mill at Abercrombie Point.

Delorey said the permit brings the plant in line with similar operations in North America. The changes would be phased in over five years.

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Restoration. Estimate of Bluenose II refit doubles

The Nova Scotia government says the cost of a new hydraulic steering system installed as part of the Bluenose II restoration is now in the range of \$700,000.

The new figure released by Transportation Minister Geoff MacLellan is double the previous estimate of \$350,000.

MacLellan, whose department was put in charge of the refit project two days ago, says he doesn't have a breakdown of the new cost estimate, but will next week. He will tour the schooner in Lunenburg on Wednesday.

Earlier this week, the provincial auditor general released a scathing report.

The report said the project, nearly four years behind its original schedule, could cost the province three times the original budget because



Bluenose II. THE CANADIAN PRESS

the Heritage Department failed to follow basic management practices.

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Cape Breton

Police chase ends safely with man facing charges

A Cape Breton man faces several charges following a police chase.

Cape Breton Regional Police say they spotted a car speeding on a Sydney Street around 3:30 a.m. Saturday.

Staff Sgt. Paul Muise says the driver refused to stop the vehicle and continued to flee

police onto the highway between Sydney and Glace Bay.

Muise says several police vehicles became involved in the pursuit before the driver left the car and was arrested following a short chase in the nearby community of Dominion. He says there were no injuries during the arrest.

A 19-year-old man from Little Lorraine is scheduled to appear in court Monday on charges including impaired driving and assault with intent to resist arrest.

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This apartment building on Hollis Street was the scene of a large police presence on Saturday morning. BRAEDON CLARK/FOR METRO

Police close street after threat reports

Public safety. Possible involvement of firearm; man, 21, heading to court

BRAEDON CLARK
For Metro

A section of Hollis Street between Morris Street and Marginal Road was briefly closed on Saturday morning after Halifax Regional Police received reports of a man making threats, possibly with a firearm.

Police announced the

streets were closed just before 9:30 a.m., then reopened the area about 30 minutes later.

According to police, they were called to an apartment building in the 1200 block of Hollis Street over a report of a man, possibly with a possible firearm, who was threatening to harm himself or police.

The 21-year-old man in question was wanted for several assault files that were under investigation, police say.

The emergency response team arrived on scene and the man in question eventually left the apartment and was taken into custody, along with

a woman who was also inside.

People living in the building awoke to an unusual sound.

"At about nine in the morning I heard someone say, 'This is Halifax Regional Police, open the door,'" said Gerard Landry, a resident on the fifth floor of The Southamptons, the apartment building at 1270 Hollis St.

Landry said he didn't hear any sort of struggle and couldn't say where the police were in the building.

He said he was never asked to evacuate and that the police were in the building "for maybe 10 or 15 minutes."

More charges

Police said late Saturday they were waiting to conduct a search of the apartment and were expecting to lay more charges.

By 10 a.m., the section of Hollis Street was quiet and it appeared as though nothing had happened.

The 21-year-old Halifax man will appear in Halifax provincial court to face several assault and threat charges.

Four fishermen rescued from sinking boat



A Cormorant Search and Rescue helicopter lowered a technician onto a fishing boat to provide medical care. YARMOUTH VANGUARD

There is much relief and gratitude in southwestern Nova Scotia since four men were rescued after abandoning their sinking fish dragger in the early morning hours of Saturday.

Three crew members and an onboard observer were on their way home from a multi-day groundfish fishing trip off Georges Bank aboard the Poseidon Princess, when something started to go wrong.

Shortly after midnight, the

fish dragger sent out a mayday call, indicating that the vessel, around 100 kilometres off of Yarmouth, was in distress.

In what has always been known as a close-knit fishing community, nearby vessels hearing the mayday call headed to the scene.

By the time the Atlantic Destiny and Chief Blair vessels arrived in the early morning hours, the men had abandoned the fish dragger.

"The (Atlantic) Destiny

pulled three men from a life raft. The Chief Blair pulled a person from the water," said Capt. Cameron Hillier, duty public affairs officer for the Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre and Joint Task Force Atlantic.

Capt. Hillier says they had sent boats to respond, but that the nearby fishing vessels were able to rescue the men first. All the men were safely aboard the fishing vessels by 5 a.m. YARMOUTH VANGUARD

Craft-ing their place at the bar

Small business. Two more microbreweries ready to tap into local beer market



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Two new microbreweries will soon add even more locally-made quaffing options to Halifax's growing menu of craft beer.

Construction has already begun on Wrought Iron Brewing Company, set to be opening its doors this May on Robie Street in the city's north end.

A few blocks over, near Java Blend coffee shop on North Street, work is also underway on Unfiltered Brewing — a new invention by a former brewmaster at Rockbottom Brewpub.

When it comes to new craft breweries moving into the neighbourhood, Peter Burbridge of North Brewing



Samples of craft beer are lined up in this file photo. METRO FILE

Company, which has called Agricola Street home for the past two years, is only thrilled.

"I'm excited to become the 'north end brewing district,'" he said of the area. "It's a great time for everyone in the neighbourhood."

With two new microbreweries moving in, the area's total increased to five, including North Company, Granite

Brewery on Stairs Street and Propeller Brewery on Gottingen Street.

Competition is no worry for small-scale brewery owners like himself, Burbridge explains, because new businesses simply mean more excitement for all things "beer culture."

In fact, he hopes with the new openings people will soon begin flocking to the neigh-

bourhood just for the beer, and believes there's a place for all breweries on that rotation.

"Craft beer drinkers are not necessarily brand-loyal; they like options," he explained.

Mike Maloney of the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation agreed, adding that exploration is part and parcel with drinking locally crafted beer — good news for any new busi-

nesses on the scene.

"It's not an exclusive club," he said of the market on Friday.

"People who enjoy craft beer also like to explore. That's part of the appeal of it."

The corporation's second quarter sales report, which tracks figures from last June to September, charted what Maloney says is the "high-

est growth I think we've ever seen," in craft beer.

The reports indicates that provincial sales of craft beer increased by nearly 29 per cent to \$1.5-million compared to last year.

Although the corporation only stocks beers from six of the province's 20 local craft breweries, that's a jump from just two local producers the year before, Maloney said.

He cites the growing popularity of craft beer to the strength of the local movement, which accounts for robust sales across products, from food to beer, wine and cider.

"Tastes are changing," he said. "People prefer to know where their stuff is made, who makes it and how it's made."

Local brews

A spokesperson from the NSLC says one out of every two craft beers sold in its stores are local products.

Talks break down between Acadia faculty, university

Conciliation talks between the Acadia University Faculty Association (AUFA) and representatives of the university's administration broke down again on Friday.

This was the second time the two sides sat down with a provincial conciliator. A 12-hour conciliation session on

Jan. 16 also failed to produce a new collective agreement. AUFA membership voted overwhelmingly on Jan. 22 to reject that offer from the board.

AUFA president Rachel Brickner said in a news release Friday that the two sides were close to a deal, with

AUFA making "significant concessions" in its last offer on the number of tenure-track positions and compensation, asking for increases below the cost of living.

Despite the decision by the AUFA negotiating team to end conciliation, Peter Williams says the univer-

sity's administration remains committed to reaching a fair agreement.

The provincial conciliator helped the two sides make significant progress towards achieving a collective agreement before negotiations ended, said Williams, the spokesman for

Acadia's administration.

Key components of the board's offer were contingent on enrolment levels and pension reform. The sticking point, Brickner said, involves Acadia's pension plan. The plan includes other employee groups, and AUFA is unwilling to hand control over its

contract to people not in the association.

"AUFA made every effort to reach a collective agreement," Brickner said, "but in the end, we could not compromise further without jeopardizing the academic integrity of the university."

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Groundhog Day traces roots back to medieval traditions

Weather. Folklore says that a groundhog's shadow can forecast the end of winter season

What do a European Christian tradition, a 19th century American immigration pattern, and a cinema cult classic have in common? They've all helped turn groundhogs into North America's most popular weather prognosticators.

Each Feb. 2, crowds gather to watch Ontario's Wiarton Willie, Pennsylvania's Punxsutawney Phil and other furry forecasters take a shot at a task that baffles many humans. Folklore has it that if a groundhog sees his shadow he'll flee back to his burrow, heralding six more weeks of winter. If he doesn't, legend has it that spring is around the corner.

Chris Scott, chief meteorologist at the Weather Network, said Groundhog Day harkens back to medieval Europe and the Christian festival of



Groundhog handler John Griffiths holds Punxsutawney Phil on Feb. 2, 2014, after he saw his shadow predicting six more weeks of winter during the 128th annual Groundhog Day festivities in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. GETTY IMAGES

Candlemas.

Scott said early Europeans eventually threw a prognosticating hedgehog into the mix, adding the animals had hibernation patterns that naturally brought them out of hiding around the time of Candlemas.

Canada's marquee Groundhog Day event first took place in 1956 when Mac McKenzie, a

resident of the central Ontario town of Wiarton, was looking for a pretext to throw a party.

After settling on Groundhog Day, he sent out his invitations in the form of mock news releases. When one of them fell into the hands of a genuine reporter, however, McKenzie had to get creative.

"(The reporter) had to have

Lighting candles

- Groundhog Day has its roots in the medieval European tradition of Candlemas. On a day in early February, people would light candles and watch the weather to see whether or not spring was on the way. Many cultures adopted rhymes for the tradition. Among them is a Scottish couplet that says: "If Candlemas Day is bright and clear, There'll be two winters in the year."

a story," McKenzie explained in documents provided by festival organizers. "So we tossed a fur hat with a button on it into the snow. We said it was a groundhog, and the photo ran in the (Toronto) Star."

Wiarton has been home to Canada's premier Groundhog Day event, including in 1999, when organizers discovered Willie had died in the run up to his big day. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Egypt. Release of Aussie reporter raises hopes for jailed Canadian journalist

Al-Jazeera English reporter Peter Greste left Egypt on Sunday after the president approved his deportation, but there's no official word on jailed colleagues Egyptian-Canadian Mohamed Fahmy and Egyptian Baher Mohamed.

Greste, an Australian national, was released after more than a year behind bars in a case that was widely condemned by rights groups.

An Egyptian prison official and the nation's official news agency said Greste was released following a presidential "approval."

The official and an Interior Ministry statement said his release was an implementation of the new deportation law passed last year. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity be-

cause they were not authorized to speak to the media.

A lawyer for Fahmy said his client welcomed the news.

"He has instructed me to say he is very happy that Peter has been released and hopes for the same outcome for himself soon," Lorne Waldman said in an email to The Canadian Press.

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird spoke Sunday with his Egyptian counterpart, Sameh Shoukry, about Fahmy's case, the ministry said in a statement. Baird said he welcomed Greste's release, and noted that he remained hopeful that Fahmy's case will be resolved in short order.

"Canadian officials will continue to work closely with the Egyptian government to provide consular assistance to Mr. Fahmy to ensure his well-being," the statement said.

Greste, Fahmy and Mohamed were sentenced to at least seven years in prison on terrorism-related charges last year in a trial described as a sham by rights groups.

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"His deportation is in its final stages. We are hopeful."

Marwa Omara, Mohamed Fahmy's fiancée



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Anglican Church faces extinction in Quebec

As Rev. Yves Samson speaks to his congregation in the Quebec town of Trois-Rivieres, two things stand out: the bilingualism of the sermon and the dearth of parishioners.

Samson holds nothing back when he says that, without radical change, the Anglican Diocese of Quebec could soon be extinct. The fact Samson, 49, preaches in both languages might not sound radical to many Canadians, but to the Anglican Church — the Church of England — it is.

Several Protestant churches across Quebec have closed rather than turn bilingual.

Samson's church is Anglican in name only. The 10 people who showed up to mass on a recent Sunday included Baptists, Presbyterians and Unitarians.

The reverend said becoming ecumenical and bilingual is "the new reality" for former anglophone Protestant churches outside the Montreal area.

The new reality reflects the fact that in most regions outside Montreal, Anglo-Quebecers, and much of their culture, are on the verge of disappearing.

The Anglican Diocese of Quebec includes three of the province's main cities: Trois-



Rev. Yves Samson speaks to the faithful during mass Sunday at St. James Anglican Church in Trois-Rivieres, Que. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rivieres, Sherbrooke and Quebec City.

People who speak English at home in both Trois-Rivieres and Quebec City make up about one per cent of the population. In the 1860s Quebec City used to be 40 per cent anglophone. In Sherbrooke, fewer than five per cent of residents speak English at home. In the 1860s that number was almost 60 per cent.

In light of this new reality the Anglican Church's task is daunting: persuade francophone Quebecers to become more religious and then have them choose to worship in the Church of England, one of the

main symbols of the British conquest.

"We see a grim portrait of our future in this diocese," the report concluded. "We need to act quickly on urgent and radical change in our ethos and structures."

Samson says he preaches in French and English in his two other parishes in Drummondville and Sorel, but doesn't know if most of the Anglican Church's congregations are willing to make the change.

The exodus of Anglophones in Quebec hasn't hurt just the Anglican Church, but also many other Protestant denominations. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Horror, fear in Japan after ISIL video shows beheading

Slaying. Journalist Kenji Goto's work focused on refugees, children and other victims of war

Appalled and saddened by news of journalist Kenji Goto's purported beheading by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), Japan ordered heightened security precautions Sunday and said it would persist with its non-military support for fighting terrorism.

The failure to save Goto raised fears for the life of a Jordanian fighter pilot also held by the militant group that controls about a third of both Syria and Iraq.

Unlike some earlier messages delivered in the crisis, the video that circulated online late Saturday purporting to show a militant beheading Goto did not

mention the pilot.

Jordan renewed an offer Sunday to swap an al-Qaida prisoner for the pilot, Lt. Muath al-Kaseasbeh, who was seized after his F-16 crashed near ISIL's de facto capital, Raqqa, Syria, in December.

Government spokesman Mohammed al-Momani told The Associated Press that "we are still ready to hand over" Sajida al-Rishawi, who faces death by hanging for her role in triple hotel bombings in Jordan in 2005.

Al-Momani also said his country spared no effort to free Goto.

The slaying of Goto, a freelance reporter whose work focused on refugees, children and other victims of war, shocked this country, which until now had not become directly embroiled in the fight against the militants.

"I feel indignation over this immoral and heinous act of terrorism," Prime

Minister Shinzo Abe told reporters after convening an emergency Cabinet meeting.

"When I think of the grief of his family, I am left speechless," he said. "We are filled with deep regret."

Threats from ISIL prompted an order for tighter security at airports and at Japanese facilities overseas, such as embassies and schools, government spokesman Yoshihide Suga said.

He said it would be "inappropriate" to comment on the status of the Jordanian pilot.

With no updates for days, al-Kaseasbeh's family appealed to the government for information on his situation. But for Goto's family and friends, the beheading shattered any hopes for his rescue.

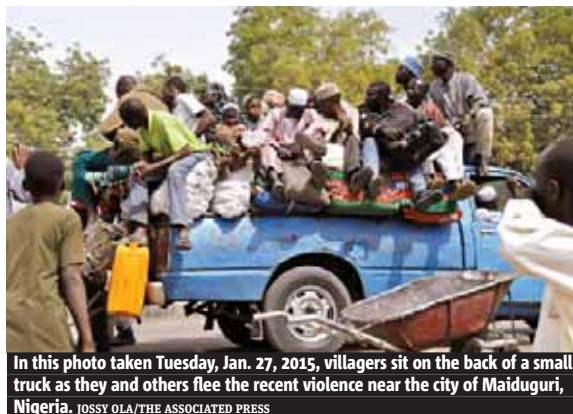
"Kenji has died, and my heart is broken. Facing such a tragic death, I'm just speechless," Goto's mother Junko Ishido told reporters.

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People holding a banner and signs gather to show their sympathy for the killed Japanese hostages, Kenji Goto and Haruna Yukawa, in front of the prime minister's official residence in Tokyo Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Extremists attack Nigerian city from four fronts



In this photo taken Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2015, villagers sit on the back of a small truck as they and others flee the recent violence near the city of Maiduguri, Nigeria. JOSSY OLA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nigerian troops Sunday repelled Islamic extremists who attacked from four fronts on Maiduguri, the biggest city in northeast Nigeria, with several civilians killed by aerial bombs and grenades and mortar shells on the ground.

Soldiers said hundreds of insurgents died.

Terrified residents fled homes shaking from five hours of heavy artillery fire and streamed in from the outskirts of the besieged city of two million, already crowded with another 200,000 refugees from the fighting.

In a separate attack, a

suspected Boko Haram suicide bomber killed himself and eight others Sunday at the home of politician Sabo Garbu in Potiskum, in neighbouring Yobe state, according to witness Abdullahi Mohammed.

Garbu is contesting a legislative seat in Feb. 14 balloting that includes a presidential election too close to call. Boko Haram denounces democracy.

For weeks Boko Haram has been closing in on Maiduguri, the group's spiritual birthplace, and if it were able to plant its Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant-style flag

there, even briefly, it would give them a major boost as the group loses ground in remoter areas, said Jacob Zenn, author of a book about the insurgents.

Its third attack in a week on Maiduguri came as Chadian forces launched a winning offensive, acting on an African Union directive for Nigeria's neighbours to help fight the spreading Islamic uprising by Nigeria's home-grown Boko Haram extremists.

International outrage has grown over attacks across the border into Cameroon and increasing ferocity that cul-

minated in the slaughter of hundreds of civilians in Baga on Jan. 3.

A Chadian jet fighter supported by ground troops bombed the extremists out of Gamboru and Kolfata on Saturday and from Malumfatori on Thursday, witnesses said.

Chadian troops in Kolfata were "dancing around their country's flag and chanting," farmer Awami Kolobe said, quoting refugees who returned across the border from Cameroon. The towns had been under the sway of Boko Haram for months.

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Amid ISIL

Violence in Iraq killed 1,375 in January: UN

The United Nations mission to Iraq said Sunday that violence in the country amid the war against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) killed at least 1,375 people in January.

The UN Assistance Mission in Iraq, known as UNAMI, put the number of civilians killed at 790, while identifying the rest as security forces members. It said at least 1,469 civilians and 771 security forces members were wounded.

It said the worst affected city was the capital, Baghdad, with 256 civilians killed and 758 wounded.

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Greece and Albania

Flash floods force hundreds to evacuate

Flash floods caused by heavy rains have hit northwestern Greece and southern Albania, forcing the evacuation of hundreds of villagers Sunday and destroying a famous 18th-century stone bridge.

No casualties were reported in either country.

Heavy rains began Saturday in the northwestern Greek province of Epirus, prompting authorities to evacuate four villages and several isolated farmhouses close to the city of Arta.

By Sunday, at least four rivers had overflowed their banks. The Plaka Bridge near Arta also collapsed.

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Ukraine

Intense fighting creates flood of displaced people

As fighting escalates around the town Debaltseve in eastern Ukraine, a growing wave of civilians are fleeing their homes, taking the risk of being struck by stray projectiles on their way,

and often leaving family members behind.

Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk said that around 1,000 of Debaltseve's residents have been evacuated in the past days. Many end up at a government-owned holiday camp in the resort town of Svyatohirsk, where the sound of artillery fire is replaced with an uneasy quiet.

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Russian spies still 'in our midst': U.S. prosecutors

Alleged spy ring.

Court documents show suspects dissatisfied with lack of drama

Three men accused in the latest Russian spy case in the United States didn't hide behind fake identities and weren't stealing military secrets. They even appeared annoyed that their assignment wasn't more like a James Bond film.

Their alleged plot to dig up "economic intelligence" on possible banking penalties and alternative energy sources may not be the stuff of Hollywood movies, but U.S. authorities insist the case is proof that Russian spying is thriving in America more than two decades after the end of the Cold War.

It also shows the resources the U.S. still throws at those suspected of being spies for President Vladimir Putin's government: listening bugs, hidden cameras and intercepted phone calls.

"Russian spies continue to seek to operate in our midst," U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara warned after the arrests last week.

Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Lukash-evich countered by accusing U.S. authorities of manufacturing a spy scandal as part of its "anti-Russian campaign."



Yevgeny Buryakov appears in federal court in Manhattan on Jan. 26 after his arrest earlier in the day over a Cold War-style Russian spy ring that spoke in code, passed messages concealed in bags and magazines and tried to recruit people with ties to an unnamed university, said authorities. ELIZABETH WILLIAMS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Prosecutors say the latest investigation exposed espionage by Igor Sporyshev and Victor Podobnyy, who held low-level diplomatic positions, and Evgeny Buryakov, a Bronx resident with a visa and a position in the Manhattan branch of a Russian bank.

U.S. prosecutors say that Sporyshev's main duty was to give Buryakov assignments to

gather intelligence on potential U.S. sanctions against Russian banks and efforts in the U.S. to develop alternative energy resources. They say Sporyshev and Podobnyy would analyze the information and report back to Moscow at a Russian Federation office in New York that was apparently bugged.

In one secretly recorded conversation, Podobnyy com-

plained to Sporyshev that their work was nothing like "movies about James Bond," according to the papers. "Of course, I wouldn't fly helicopters, but pretend to be someone else at a minimum," he said.

Sporyshev griped that he too thought he "at least would go abroad with a different passport."

Normally, prosecutors said,

the two men would speak on the phone in code to set up outdoor meetings, with "Buryakov passing a bag, magazine or slip of paper to Sporyshev," court papers said.

A judge ordered Buryakov held without bail. Podobnyy and Sporyshev, whose diplomatic status gave them immunity, have returned to Russia.

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Assessment

Accused spies pretty sad: Expert

The case against Buryakov, Sporyshev and Podobnyy comes less than five years after the arrest of 10 covert agents — a sleeper cell referred to as "The Illegals" by the SVR, the foreign intelligence agency in Moscow — who led ordinary lives in the United States using aliases. All 10 pleaded guilty in federal court in Manhattan to conspiracy charges and were ordered out of the country as part of a spy swap for four people convicted of betraying Moscow to the West.

Federal prosecutors in Brooklyn brought another spy case in 2013, accusing Alexander Fishenko, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Kazakhstan who made millions off his Texas export firm, of being a secret agent for the Russian military. Fishenko, who pleaded not guilty, is scheduled to go to trial later this year.

Not everyone views the latest case as a scary new wrinkle in spy tactics.

"What is interesting about this case, just like the 2010 sleeper spy case, is how little these accused Russian spies are accomplishing. Either the FBI is just getting the low-hanging fruit, or the Russian foreign intelligence agency isn't doing its job very well," said Kimberly Marten, a political scientist at Barnard College, Columbia University.



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Pair smash records with transpacific balloon trip

Troy Bradley might have been exhausted and a bit dehydrated, but the words printed on his T-shirt said it all: "Failure is not an option."

The accomplished Albuquerque, N.M., pilot had set his sights long ago on flying farther and longer in a gas balloon than anyone in history. He and co-pilot Leonid Tiukhtyaev of Russia staked their claim to those records during a nearly seven-day trip across the Pacific Ocean in a helium-filled balloon.

Their adventure ended just after sunrise Saturday when they touched down in the water a few kilometres off the coast of Mexico's Baja California.

They had hoped for a picture-perfect landing on the

beach, but winds parallel to the coast forced the pilots to drop their trailing ropes into the ocean to slow the balloon for a controlled water landing.

Bradley and Tiukhtyaev lifted off from Japan last Sunday. By the time they landed, the Two Eagle pilots had travelled 10,695 kilometres over six days, 16 hours and 38 minutes.

By Friday, they beat the 137-hour duration record set in 1978 by the Double Eagle crew of Ben Abruzzo, Maxie Anderson and Larry Newman in the first balloon flight across the Atlantic.

They also easily exceeded the distance record of 8,383 kilometres set by the Double Eagle V team during the first

transpacific flight in 1981.

"These are significant improvements over the existing records," mission-control director Steve Shope said from Albuquerque. "We didn't break them by just a little bit."

Tiukhtyaev said they sent out an SOS after landing Saturday. They were both dehydrated, he said.

The pilots were said to be in good spirits, but it was a grueling ordeal given the number of days they spent in the cramped capsule. At high altitudes, they had to wear oxygen masks and bundle up against chilly temperatures. They had sleeping bags, a small on-board heater and a simple toilet.

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Agriculture. Farmers see low fuel costs as good, bad

Decades of boom-and-bust commodity prices, worker shortages and being at the mercy of the weather has removed the word optimism from Canadian farmers' vocabularies.

"At the moment, things are good right now," said Lynn Jacobson, president of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, who also farms 600 hectares near Enchant in southern Alberta.

The recent plunge in fuel prices has been a welcome relief across the agricultural sector, helping ease the pain of low grain prices for growers and for cattle ranchers' profits.

But there is doubt. "If the oil price stays down too low, and the federal govern-

Transportation costs

Lethbridge farmer Gary Stanford said lowered diesel costs make a difference in reducing transportation expenses.

- **Ongoing trend.** If fuel prices hold, farmers could save thousands of dollars in 2015.

ment can't afford to keep their budgets going, and they start looking for revenue, I'm hoping they're not going to try and put this on the back of farmers," said Lethbridge farmer Gary Stanford. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

United Nations

ICAO to review flight safety

The International Civil Aviation Organization will hold a high-level safety meeting this week to look at the global tracking of commercial aircraft and flights over conflict

zones. ICAO, the UN agency that governs civil aviation, says the conference will look at how to manage aviation safety in the future and study ways to increase regional co-operation.

Emerging safety issues will be discussed Tuesday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Restaurant sanitation reports fly onto Twitter



Stewart Rand checks his tweets at the Halifax Seaport Farmers Market on Sunday. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

Social media.

Inspections of eateries being tweeted out by software developer's program to foster food safety awareness



ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
Metro in Toronto

The latest restaurant inspections in your city could be only a tweet away.

People in Vancouver, Toronto, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick can avoid the sometimes cumbersome food safety websites if they want to find out who's been passing or failing food safety inspections.

Stewart Rand is tweeting them out. Or rather, his computer programs are.

"I want to make it easier for people to see this information and find out who's been

naughty or nice with their sanitation," explained Rand, a software developer in Halifax.

"These days people are looking to have information brought to them," he added. "People don't want to go digging on some obscure website trying to find information."

While some sites are more helpful (Toronto's has an interactive map), others, like Nova Scotia's, are only basic search engines. And all of them take more time to navigate than a quick browse of a Twitter feed.

"The feeds run themselves, so it's not something I have to check in on," he explained. "I set up essentially computer programs that check these websites every few hours to see if there are any new inspections that have been posted. As soon as it finds those, it'll tweet them."

The feeds only post a certain number of tweets an hour, and have been running for about six months.



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VOICES

IMMIGRATION IS THE KEY

The city needs people, insists Mayor Mike Savage, who says council is finally beginning to tackle issues that matter to the people



HALIFAX MATTERS
Stephen Kimber

When you ask Mayor Mike Savage what he takes the “most pride in” from his first two years on the job, he doesn’t mention the two balanced budgets with no tax increases. Nor does he mention the \$350-million debt at the time of amalgamation, now wrestled down to \$260 million “while the province has gone from a debt of \$8 billion to \$15 billion.”

Well, that’s not quite true. He does mention these things, but as preamble to his claim that council is finally beginning to tackle issues that matter to the people: Issues like housing, health, immigration and the arts, which were traditionally left to other levels of government.

Before councillors began budget deliberations after the last election, he recalls, they got together for a priority-setting session. He and others raised the issue of affordable housing. “A number of councillors said, ‘That’s not our mandate.’ ... You don’t hear that so much any more.”

In October 2013, in fact, the city partnered with the United Way, the Affordable Housing Coalition of Nova Scotia and private-sector developers to “leverage resources with the goal of making a measurable change on housing and homelessness.”

That same month, Savage hosted the Mayor’s Conversation on a Healthy and Livable Community. The city has since “put some money” into translating talk into action, including improving “cycling connectivity” in

The yardstick

Savage says he’ll judge his first four-year term as mayor by less tangible measures. “Are people happy? Do they have confidence that we can be better than we are?”

the Halifax bridges’ re-decking project, seeding an urban orchard and making outside-the-box steps to improve accessibility.

But the key is immigration. “We need people,” Savage says flatly. Once again, the city partnered with other groups, including the Multicultural Association and the Immigrant Settlement Association.

Savage, who hosted the first Mayor’s Reception for International Students — 400 showed up — has also floated the idea of allowing permanent residents to vote. He laughs. It’s been one of his most criticized initiatives — “we judge everything by Twitter posts these days” — but, he argues, “if we don’t change, adapt and move, we’ll decline.”

Besides the usual yardsticks — population growth, employment rate, housing stats — Savage says he’ll judge his first four-year term as mayor by less tangible measures. “Are people happy? Do they have confidence that we can be better than we are?”

Will he run again?

“I don’t know,” he says. “I think it’s very possible.”

He’ll run again.

Your Halifax



Library with room for a view

A man checks out the view from the top floor of the Halifax Central Library earlier this week. The top floor at the new library provides one of the best views of the city. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

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Upcoming

Residents get to discuss Macdonald bridge renovations

Staff from the Halifax Harbour Bridges are meeting with residents this week to discuss the upcoming Macdonald bridge renovations.

Public consultations are Tuesday at the Nantucket Room in the Dartmouth Sportsplex, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.; and Wednesday at the Italian-Canadian Cultural Association in Halifax from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The renovations will cost an estimated \$150 million and will replace the bridge’s road deck, floor beams, trusses and suspender ropes.

The 18-month project is set to commence in March and will shut down the bridge every evening from 7 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. **METRO**



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METRO'S TAKE ON
THE WORLD OF
CELEBRITIES



Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel are, indeed, expecting. GETTY IMAGES

Timberlake finally confirms baby we all knew was coming

Justin Timberlake is just the latest person in an impressive line of people to announce that his wife, Jessica Biel, is pregnant.

But I guess since it's actually his kid and all, his announcement should count more.

Timberlake celebrated his birthday over the weekend by posting a photo to Instagram of him kissing Biel's very pregnant belly. (Or at least we're assuming

it's Biel. Because it would be really weird if it wasn't.)

He captioned the photo with some heartfelt thanks and an abundance of hashtags, including #BoyOrGirl and #YouNeverKnow.

Listen, I don't want to tell Timberlake how to do his job as a soon-to-be dad, but he does know that they will, in fact, know at some point, right?

For those keeping track at home, InStyle editor-in-

chief Ariel Foxman first leaked the big news on her Instagram with a quickly deleted post in November.

And then in December, Timberlake's former bandmate Joey Fatone told InTouch that there was, in fact, a baby on the way.

I'm guessing Timberlake wanted to squeeze his own announcement out before it ended up in Katy Perry's Super Bowl halftime show or something.

Police review video of Suge Knight's fatal run-in

Los Angeles County sheriff's investigators Saturday were reviewing a video of an incident in which hip-hop music mogul Marion Suge Knight hit two men with his pickup truck, killing one, which may help provide clarity on whether Knight was the victim or attacker in his most serious run-in with the law to date.

The video is in "police custody" said Knight's defence attorney James Blatt, adding he would be seeing it Monday or Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Knight remained jailed on suspicion of murder after turning himself in early Friday.



Suge Knight THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sheriff's deputies said Knight hit and killed his friend Terry Carter, 55, with his pickup truck

Thursday in the parking lot of a Compton fast-food restaurant, also injuring Cle Bone Sloan, 51, an actor and film consultant who was hospitalized and in stable condition.

Blatt said Knight was an innocent victim who accidentally ran over the men as he tried to escape a vicious attack.

The run-in occurred a short while after Knight was told by security to leave a film location after arguing with Sloan. The argument escalated a short while later at the fast-food restaurant.

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Jay Z offers \$56 million for Swedish streaming service

If Jay Z needs help spending all of his money, I'm happy to offer some suggestions. His latest big-ticket idea? Offering \$56 million to buy Aspiro, a Swedish firm offering high-quality streaming music services. If the bid is accepted, Jay Z's company will have total control over Aspiro's paid subscription services, WiMP and Tidal. Whatever he plans to do with them, I'm sure Mike Huckabee will take issue with it.



Jay Z GETTY IMAGES



Whitney Houston and her daughter Bobbi in 2011. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Whitney's daughter found unresponsive in bathtub

The daughter of late singer Whitney Houston was found unresponsive in her bathtub Saturday and taken to a hospital in the north Atlanta suburbs, police say.

Bobbi Kristina Brown was found by her husband, Nick Gordon, and a friend and given CPR, said Lisa Holland, a spokeswoman for the Roswell Police Department. When police arrived, Brown was taken alive to hospital.

As of late Sunday, there were no updates on her condition from the hospital or her family.

Brown, 21, is the only child of Houston and R&B singer Bobby Brown.

Houston was found dead in a hotel bathtub in 2012 at the age of 48. Authorities concluded she had accidentally drowned, with heart disease and cocaine use as contributing factors.

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David Beckham evolves from superstar to cabbie

David Beckham has spent most of his life being a famous athlete and underwear model, but he's transitioning into his next career — a begrudgingly silent father to teens — and he's not taking it well.

His oldest kid, Brooklyn, is 15, and the next, Romeo, is on the cusp of teenhood. Then there are two more after that. So, how are things going over

at the Beckham estate?

"To be honest, I've become a taxi driver overnight with the kids," he tells Jimmy Kimmel. "I'm literally an Uber driver now."



David Beckham
GETTY IMAGES

2 SCENE

Eve of Super Bowl

Wahlberg, Bay
host fundraiser

Transformers star Mark Wahlberg and director Michael Bay reunited on the eve of the Super Bowl for a charity event that organizers said raised more than \$1 million. The pair served as celebrity hosts for the Big Game Big Give event. Items up for auction included jewelry and other high-end goods. Wahlberg and Bay held private sessions with donors, with the director showing a reel of behind-the-scenes footage. American Idol winner Jordin Sparks also performed for guests.

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Michael Bay, left, and Mark Wahlberg. GETTY IMAGES

Katy dazzles at halftime show

Super Bowl Sunday.

Katy Perry roars onto the halftime stage in a colourful spectacle featuring Lenny Kravitz and Missy Elliott

If you're like us, what you really wanted to hear during last night's Super Bowl was Katy Perry's halftime roar, and she did not disappoint.

From her entrance on a golden mechanical lion while singing her megahit Roar to her duet with Lenny Kravitz on I Kissed A Girl, Perry managed to give her fans all of her hits in one shot.

The popular singer also took to the air, travelling around the University of Phoenix Stadium on a floating shooting star while singing her hit song Firework.

Despite all of that, it's safe to say that it was a cameo by Missy Elliott that stole the show.



Katy Perry makes a grand entrance at the Super Bowl halftime show. GETTY IMAGES

The rapper came out to perform her now-classic hit Get Ur Freak On and promptly dazzled social media, leaving many hoping she'll release new music soon. LENYON WHITAKER/METRO IN NEW YORK CITY

Halftime goal

"I hope at the end of the day that 100 million people are all smiling in unison."

Katy Perry describes her Super Bowl halftime show game plan

Super advice

Katy Perry was so nervous about her Super Bowl Sunday performance she told Billboard she planned on sending last year's Super Bowl performer, Bruno Mars, an email asking for some tips. She read the email out loud to Billboard and it's beyond adorable.

- "Hello, exclusive Super Bowl club member! I was wondering if you are in L.A. at all this month and would have tea with a sister who is about to throw up with nervousness re: (football emoji). I've heard about your process through our managers, but am wondering if you had more insight on important things like, spray tan the night before or three nights before? JK, or maybe not!"

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IN NEW YORK CITYSuper Saturday Night
party. Rihanna springs
Kanye for surprise duet

Kanye West joins Rihanna to sing All of the Lights. GETTY IMAGES

The crowd at DirecTV's Super Saturday Night party came for Rihanna, and got a healthy dose of Kanye West as a bonus.

West trotted on stage as Rihanna sang the opening lines of their hit All of the Lights, a surprise guest at an event that's become known for delivering shows from music's superstars on the eve of the Super Bowl.

Rihanna opened the performance with Rock Star and moved through several of her hits, including Umbrella, Rude Boy and We Found Love.

She reached out and touched fans and moved effortlessly around a semicircle stage that allowed her to reach fans throughout the venue. West also interacted with the audience, slapping hands as he performed. After a few duets, Rihanna left the stage as West performed Jesus Walks, Black Skinhead, Flashing Lights and other hits.

Both performers opted to slow down the tempo at times, with Rihanna performing Stay and West singing a new song, Only One. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rolling Stone party.

Steven Tyler, Charli XCX headline Super Bowl eve event

Aerosmith frontman Steven Tyler charged up a frenzied crowd on the eve of the Super Bowl that features his beloved New England Patriots.

Tyler played fan favourites at the Rolling Stone party, including Dream On, Sweet Emotion and Cryin' in front of an audience that sang along in unison for most of the songs.

The venue was adorned with Rolling Stone covers from over the years, and Tyler made a reference to magazine founder Jann Wenner's influence on the music industry between songs.

Tyler followed British pop star Charli XCX, who set the stage with an energetic set.

"Who's excited for the f-

ing Super Bowl?" she shouted. "I thought it was baseball until a few months ago. I'm from the U.K."

Tyler largely avoided any reference to the Patriots, despite a long history with the team.

The Boston rocker has been a fan of the Patriots for several years, and famously sang the national anthem in the AFC Championship two years ago before the Patriots lost to the Baltimore Ravens. The performance was widely ridiculed as he botched some of the lyrics.

Following the controversy over deflated footballs during this year's AFC title game, Tyler joined Matt Damon, Ben Affleck, John Krasinski and other well-known Patriots fans in a mock video on Jimmy Kimmel Live! in which they claimed responsibility for the air being taken out of the balls.

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Super Bowl newbie

"I thought it was baseball until a few months ago. I'm from the U.K."

British pop star Charli XCX

Old star, new star shine at A-list bash

Rock 'n' roll icon

Steven Tyler's top billing at an A-list party on one of the entertainment world's biggest party nights is a testament to his staying power as a rock 'n' roll icon.

- Aerosmith's longevity spans more than a generation, including their rise to stardom in the early 1970s, a rough period during the early '80s when drugs tore the band apart and a resurgence in the late '80s and early '90s that put them back on the top of the charts.

- In recent years, Tyler was a judge on American Idol, endearing him to a younger generation of fans.

Pop star Charli XCX
GETTY IMAGES

Stumped by the ways to save

Planning. Should you pick an RRSP, TFSA or a combination of the two? Gail explains why the choice can be baffling



GAIL VAZ-OXLADE
Gail blogs daily at gailvazoxlade.com

One of the financial goals that inevitably floats to the top of the list is saving more money. It's a good goal. But there are so many different vehicles you can use to save that sometimes the choices become the barrier to saving.

At the height of RRSP season you'll no doubt hear the seven, nine and 11 best reasons to use an RRSP. But is it a good choice for you? Ever since the Tax Free Savings Account (TFSA) came on the market, this is the big question.

The RRSP's big benefit isn't just as a savings vehicle, it's also as a way to save on taxes now because of the tax deduction. You can contribute up to 18 per cent of your earned income in 2014, to a maximum of \$24,930 for 2015.

Most people don't come anywhere close. But if you made an income of \$60,000 in 2014 and put \$10,800 into an RRSP in 2015 (at a 30 per cent marginal tax rate), you'd reduce your taxes from \$11,686 to \$8,322, for a savings of \$3,364 on your taxes. Wouldn't you rather keep that \$3,364 to use to meet your goals?

The contribution limit for a TFSA for 2015 is \$5,500. Put \$5,500 a year in a TFSA at an average return of four per cent over 30 years and you'll have over \$319,000, \$154,000 of which you didn't have to bust



If you have a low income and it's taking almost all your money just to make ends meet, then a TFSA is a better bet. ISTOCK

your butt to earn.

Put \$5,500 a year into an RRSP and reinvest the tax refund you get (assuming you're paying tax at 30 per cent) in a TFSA and, all things being equal, you'll have an extra \$93,000, which is the compounded return on the tax savings you put in the TFSA.

If you have a low income and it is taking almost all your money just to make ends meet, then if you decide to save a little somethin' somethin', a TFSA is a better bet. If you're going to be able to make do with the income CPP and OAS provide, then squirrelling away whatever you can manage in a TFSA makes way more sense.

And if you're going to have an income that lets you qualify for the Guaranteed Income Supplement, then using a TFSA will also work better for you. Ditto if you're well into your career and still have a low tax rate.

Claiming a deduction for an

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I believe an RRSP is still the single best way to save for retirement. I've had my RRSP since I was 22 years old and I'm damn glad I had some foresight and started contributing early.

RRSP contribution when your taxes are low, piling up a stash of cash, and then paying more in tax when you cash out at retirement makes no sense. If you think you'll likely always be at the lowest tax rates then you should stick with a TFSA.

However, if you expect that over time your income and tax rates will increase, an RRSP will save on taxes big-time. You don't have to claim the deduction in those early years. Make your RRSP contribution but hold the deduction for when your taxes are higher and you'll get a bigger refund. You can then use the taxes you save to fund your TFSA contribution. Or perhaps, by then

you'll have other priorities like paying down your mortgage or funding an RESP for your kids.

If you're close to hanging up your spurs, and you haven't made any RRSP contributions so far, go with a TFSA. The same holds true if you've got a great pension plan at work since having a whack of taxable income in an RRSP will be less than optimum come retirement time. If you're concerned about losing your OAS to the clawback, go with a TFSA instead of an RRSP.

For virtually everyone else an RRSP is an awesome idea. Don't be confused by all the blah blah blah into thinking you won't benefit from an

Which is best?

For some it is an either/or game. The people who most benefit from choosing a TFSA:

- Have a low income/low tax bracket
- Are banking on CPP, OAS and the GIS
- Are close to retirement and haven't saved much
- Have a great work pension plan

For everyone else, an RRSP or a combination of RRSP/TFSA means you'll have more money when you decide to hang up your spurs.

RRSP because the income you take out is taxable. Remember, you didn't pay any tax on the money that went into the RRSP (unlike the money that went into a TFSA). So to put \$5,500 into an RRSP you need gross only \$5,500, but to make the same contribution to a TFSA you'd have to have earned \$7,150 in pre-tax income (at a 30-per-cent tax rate).

I believe an RRSP is still the single best way to save for retirement. I've had my RRSP since I was 22 years old and I'm damn glad I had some foresight and started contributing early. Sure, there were years when I barely made a contribution, but as my income and spending needs changed I shifted my contributions to make the RRSP work for me. And as soon as the TFSA became available, I started putting money into one.

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Learning is about to get personal

Education. Swap in this new approach and nix standardized testing, B.C.'s educators hear

Schoolchildren in China drilling their tongues to pronounce English words correctly often find themselves picking up more ZZZs than ABCs.

Half a year can be spent practising rote verbal exercises, a mind-numbing method that can kill youngsters' enthusiasm for learning, said a former English teacher from China who's seen it firsthand.

Such a teaching style has evolved to meet institutions' needs for generating high scores in standardized testing, but Yong Zhao said the same harmful effect on Chinese students may be happening in British Columbia.

Zhao is now a top international education consult-



The debate over whether standardized testing will help to form a successful, employable adult continues. ISTOCK

ant based in Oregon who was invited by B.C.'s Education Ministry to spell out his vision for upgrading the

provincial school system.

"My extreme advice — we should do away with all of (standardized testing),"

Zhao said in an interview after addressing a forum of more than 150 educators and interested business and community leaders.

"It's a waste of money, very little value, destroys parents, destroys schools, too, and puts students and teachers in a bind for high-stakes testing."

The province should revolutionize the system by shifting the teaching emphasis to nurture every child's individual passion and talents, Zhao said. The concept is called personalized learning, and gives both students and teachers more space to explore their diverse abilities.

"To be creative, to be entrepreneurial, you cannot skip the basics," Zhou told the room.

"But the basics should come after we have a passion. Sometimes we do the basics and we have killed people's interest."

His call for innovation comes at the same time B.C. teachers are administering the standardized Foundation Skills Assessment tests to children in Grades 4 and 7, and as the province's education minister-

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Yong Zhao on standardized testing

nounced a new education strategy.

Minister Peter Fassbender told the forum the government is partnering with educators to identify several schools throughout the province to pilot programs that swap the focus to individualized learning.

"We're not going to throw the baby out with the bath water," Fassbender said. "And as Dr. Zhou said, there are great ideas but if we try to go from here to here we're going to scare half the population."

The minister said development of the K-12 Innovation Strategy will be ongoing but avoids a top-down approach and instead encourages students to explore what's relevant to their own lives. A working group will be formed to connect school districts, participating schools and interested organizations such as the B.C. Teachers' Federation and associations representing superintendents, principals and independent schools.

The ministry also released an updated B.C. Education Plan, which better articulates the concept of personalized learning and proposes to further examine a suite of student assessment tools.

Zhao, now a professor at the University of Oregon who studies global educational policy, told the crowd that the world's established education systems drive creativity down and discriminate against students with diverse abilities.

He said children already have a tremendous capacity to soak u p

Education

Kids get leg up in life with lessons on mindfulness: University of B.C.

Paying extra attention appears to have paid off for a group of Grade 4 and 5 students in Coquitlam, B.C., who participated in a mindfulness program.

Researchers at the University of British Columbia found that the elementary students were better at regulating stress, more optimistic and helpful, better liked by their peers and even performed better at math.

The study involved giving lessons to the children in mindfulness, where they were guided to intentionally focus on the present — while avoiding making judgments — through a series of breathing, tasting and movement exercises.

Lead author Kimberly Schonert-Reichl says the study amounts to scientific evidence that children who are taught mindfulness are better positioned to succeed both in school and life.

She says it's one of the first studies of its kind and involved researchers from across multiple disciplines, including a neuroscientist, developmental pediatrician, developmental psychologists and education experts.

Research for the study was conducted in 2008, and the findings were published this month in the academic journal *Developmental Psychology*.

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foundational skills — so long as the learning methods are engaging.

He suggested teachers should provide fewer explicit instructions and instead give students broader ownership over their learning, placing more emphasis on developing individually meaningful skills while making better use of global resources.

Teachers' federation president Jim Iker welcomed Zhou's vision as a "breath of fresh air."

The union has long argued general, cognitive-skills tests don't help students learn or teachers teach.

"Workplaces want young adults who are able to be creative, who are confident, who are self-reliant, who've got social skills," he said. "That's an important piece that's not part of a standardized test."

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A sweet, glazed twist on a lunch classic

Recipe. This salmon sandwich gets a boost from sweet rice vinegar, miso paste and a little zip from wasabi, lemon juice



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30 minutes or less

Whether you've got leftovers or are cooking up a freshly baked salmon, both options make for either a great warm or cold sandwich with an Asian twist. The mirin and miso glaze is a perfect match for this dish. One way I cut calories is to take a sandwich baguette and remove the bready stuffing.

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with foil and spray with vegetable oil.
2. Combine the mirin, miso, sugar and sesame seeds in bowl.
3. Brush the skinless salmon fillet pieces with half the mirin mixture and bake for 10 min-



This recipe serves four. ROSE REISMAN

utes per inch of salmon thickness. Flake the salmon into smaller pieces and mix with remaining mirin mixture.

4. In a small bowl, combine the mayonnaise, wasabi and lemon juice. Spread this mixture over baguette halves. Top with the salmon mixture, add thinly sliced avocado and cucumber slices, and place other baguette half over top.

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp mirin or sweet rice vinegar
- 1 tbsp light miso paste
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 2 tsp toasted sesame seeds
- 1 lb skinless salmon fillet sliced lengthwise into 4 pieces
- 1/3 cup light mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 tsp wasabi paste
- 1 1/2 tsp lemon juice
- 4 (3 oz) baguette rolls, sliced in half
- 1/2 small ripe avocado, sliced thinly
- 16 round slices thinly cut English cucumber

Nutritional information

Per serving

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| • Calories. 470 | • Total fat. 20 g |
| • Carbohydrates. 41 g | • Saturated fat. 3.5 g |
| • Fibre. 3 g | • Cholesterol. 5 mg |
| • Protein. 29 g | • Sodium. 610 mg |

Make it a date night with spinach and pomegranate juice

Fresh dates are a delicacy and so well worth using to highlight a salad. They are insanely sweet and have a soft caramel-like taste. You can store them in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to eight months or in the freezer up to a year. Pomegranate juice is a little sweet and tart, and also contains loads of antioxidants. Be sure to buy pure and not sweetened for this recipe.

Directions

1. Place the baby spinach on a large platter. Add the pitted dates, thinly sliced red onions, orange slices and toasted pecans.

2. In a small bowl, combine the pomegranate juice, oil, vinegar and honey. Pour on top of salad.

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Ingredients

- 6 cups baby spinach
- 4 fresh dates, pitted and sliced in half
- 1/3 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 1 peeled orange sliced into 6 rounds
- 1/4 cup toasted sliced pecan halves

Dressing

- 3 tbsp pomegranate juice
- 1 1/2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 1/2 tsp honey

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| • Fibre. 6 g | • Cholesterol. 0 mg |
| • Protein. 2 g | • Sodium. 40 mg |



This recipe serves six. ROSE REISMAN

To do, or not to do, during flu season

Staying healthy. Taking care of yourself and those around you is key to kicking seasonal viruses

JACQUELINE KOVACS
For Metro

Felled by the flu or suffering through a nasty cold? Don't even think about dragging yourself through your daily routine.

"Taking a step back and taking care of ourselves, for most people, can shorten the length of time they feel unwell," said Dr. Lisa Graves, chief of the department of family and community medicine for Toronto's St. Michael's Hospital. "It's probably one of the best things that people can do."

But it's not the only one. Here are Graves' dos and don'ts for getting through a bad cold or flu.

Do stay hydrated

Getting enough fluids is always a good practice, but it's even more important when

you are battling a seasonal cold or flu. "Very often, these episodes come with fever, diarrhea or vomiting," Graves said. "People can get dehydrated and that can make you feel even worse." So fight back with fluids — water, juice and herbal teas are all good choices, as is good old chicken soup.

Do get lots of rest

Busy may be the new black, but it won't help you heal. "It can be difficult to find the time to rest, but it is the body's opportunity to recuperate," Graves said.

Do keep on exercising — or don't

Should you exercise when you are sick? "This is something I get asked about a lot," Graves said. And her answer is a qualified yes. "If you feel well when you're exercising, then there's probably no harm." But that



If you aren't feeling well, do your co-workers a favour and stay home so you're not spreading the virus. SHUTTERSTOCK

is assuming you have no difficulty breathing and that your routine is not causing

you extra challenges. "If you're having issues with breathing, then running

outside in the cold is probably not a good idea," she said. "When you're sick, it's

not the time to push yourself over the limit."

Do keep it clean

Washing your hands is one of the most effective ways of curbing the transmission of viruses. "Handwashing is really helpful in not spreading a virus to others in your household," Graves said.

Don't go to work

If you are feeling lousy and coughing like mad, why would you share that misery with your colleagues and, if you take transit, harmless strangers on your commute? "If they're not well, I encourage my patients to stay home," Graves said.

Don't be fooled

Over-the-counter medications are great for short-term symptom management, but that's about it. "An illness has to run its course," Graves said. "In the short term for symptom relief, over-the-counter remedies are great, but they won't shorten the length of time of the illness."

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The TD Then & Now Black History Month Series showcases artists representing more than 15 countries from Africa, the Caribbean and Europe.

“Our exciting slate of programming is a vibrant reminder of the many ways Canada continues to be nourished and enriched by the contributions of African Canadian artists and those from the African diaspora,” says Karen Carter, board

chair and Black Artists’ Networks Dialogue (BAND) co-founder.

BAND supports and showcases black artists both globally and in Canada. BAND also partnered with the TD Bank Group to produce the TD Then & Now Black History Month series.

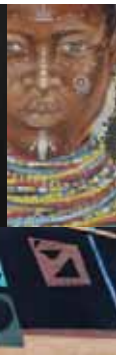
“The series has become one of the most prominent cultural celebrations in Canada,” says Alan Convery, director, community relations, TD Bank Group. “Since we began supporting this innovative series eight years ago, TD’s goal

has been to help established and emerging artists further develop black arts and culture and to celebrate the many accomplishments of black Canadians past and present.”

2015 events include:

- Vancouver — Africa Fête Festival is a three-day celebration of music, dance, food and film with established and emerging artists.
- Calgary — The Revolution Will Be Televised, a multidisciplinary event incorporates Sean Dennie’s photography, vocal and guitar boot camps and a cultural program celebrating Alberta’s finest black artists.
- Toronto — The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery presents The Unfinished Conversation — Encoding/Decoding about the advancement of artists from the Black Diaspora.
- Ottawa — Here & There Our Musical Roots showcases the influence of drums, vocal chants, arts and dance on modern music.
- Montreal — The Massimadi Film Festival features recent LGBT-themed films and documentaries starring members of the African and Caribbean communities.
- Halifax — Charles Taylor Theatre & Media Arts Association presents The Colour Purple musical.

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Patriots defenders mob teammate Malcolm Butler after the safety intercepted a pass in the end zone. The pass from Russell Wilson, not pictured, was intended for Ricardo Lockette, front.
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Pats deny Seahawks a championship repeat

NFL. New England withstands a late drive by Seattle thanks to undrafted rookie's interception in end zone

Tom Brady and the Patriots made this Super Bowl all about football, not footballs.

Clutch football, spiced by a sensational fourth-quarter rally and a goal-line, game-saving interception.

The record-setting Brady threw for four touchdowns, including a three-yarder to Julian Edelman with 2:02 remaining Sunday night as New England rallied from a 10-point deficit to win its fourth Super Bowl in the Brady-Bill Belichick era, 28-24 over Seattle.

But the Patriots (15-4) had to survive a last-ditch drive by the Seahawks (14-5), who got to the 1, helped by a spectacular juggling catch by Jermaine

Kearse. Rookie Malcolm Butler stepped in front of Ricardo Lockette and picked off Russell Wilson's off-target pass to complete one of the wildest Super Bowl finishes.

Brady leaped for joy on the Patriots sideline after Butler's interception.

"It wasn't the way we drew it up," said Brady, who won his third Super Bowl MVP award.

Brady surpassed Joe Montana's mark of 11 Super Bowl touchdown passes with a five-yarder to Danny Amendola to bring the Patriots within three points.

Seattle, seeking to become the first repeat NFL champion since New England

land a decade ago, was outplayed for the first half, yet tied at 14. The Seahawks scored the only 10 points of the third period, but the NFL-leading

Super Bowl

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Patriots

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Seahawks

No. 2 in more ways than one

Seattle wide receiver Doug Baldwin drew a penalty flag for unsportsmanlike conduct after catching a touchdown pass to put the Seahawks up two scores in the Super Bowl. Why? Something of a mystery to television viewers.

Doug Baldwin THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

defence couldn't slow the brilliant Brady when it counted most.

It didn't matter how much air was in the balls, Brady was unstoppable when the pressure was strongest. While pushing aside the controversy over air pressure in the footballs stemming from the AFC title game, the Patriots toyed with Seattle in the final 12 minutes.

Seattle didn't quit and Kearse's 33-yard catch with 1:06 remaining got it to the 5. Marshawn Lynch rushed for four

Brady's touchdown bunch

13

Tom Brady now holds the Super Bowl record with 13 touchdown passes.

yards, then backup cornerback Butler, who was victimized on Kearse's reception, made the biggest play of his first NFL season with 20 seconds remaining.

"I just had a vision that I was going to make a big play and it came true," said Butler, an undrafted rookie from West Alabama. "I'm just blessed. I can't explain it right now. It's crazy."

Seahawks linebacker Bruce Irvin was ejected in the final seconds for instigating a near-brawl, delaying the celebration for the Patriots.

Soon they were mobbing one another on the same field where their 2007 unbeaten season was ruined in the Super Bowl by the Giants. They also fell to the Giants for the 2011 title. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBL Canada

Rainmen fall to Miracles in Moncton

Forward Kevin Young scored 32 points and added 14 rebounds Sunday, but it just wasn't enough for the Halifax Rainmen.

They were edged out 103-101 to the fourth-place Moncton Miracles on the road.

The close loss gives the Rainmen a 12-12 record on the season, keeping them at second place in the Atlantic Division of the National Basketball League of Canada.

The Rainmen are back at home Friday night for a game against the Brampton A's at 7 p.m. at the Scotiabank Centre. **METRO**

University basketball

Tigers, Huskies split in men's, women's rivalries

The Saint Mary's Huskies scored a 79-67 win over Halifax rivals the Dalhousie Tigers in men's basketball Saturday.

On the women's court, it was the Tigers who came out with four more points in the standings, as they topped the Huskies 70-63 at the Homburg Centre.

The men's Huskies are fifth, while the Tigers are in third place. In women's standings, the Tigers and Huskies are on each other's heels for first place in Atlantic University Sport. **METRO**

University hockey

Duffy scores five, Huskies win two

Forward Ben Duffy had a hat trick Friday and two goals Saturday to lead the Saint Mary's Huskies men to two straight wins on the weekend.

The 5-1 win over the UPEI Panthers on Friday, and the 7-1 victory over the St. Thomas Tommies on Saturday, put Saint Mary's in third in AUS standings.

The Dalhousie Tigers lost 4-2 to the Moncton Aigles Bleus on Friday and to the UNB Varsity Reds (4-2) on Saturday.

In women's action, the Huskies edged the Tommies 5-4 in a shootout Friday and fell 1-0 to the Mount Allison Mounties on Saturday. The Tigers lost 2-1 in a shootout to the UPEI Friday. **METRO**

Ciampini fires back at Herd

QMJHL. Ex-Moosehead assists Drakkar's game-winner at the Scotiabank Centre



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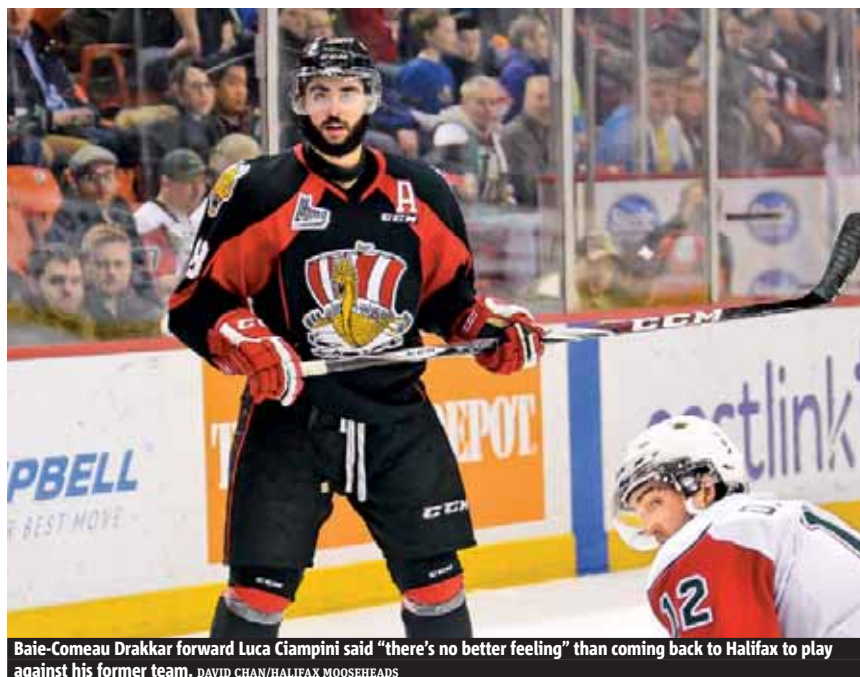
For forward Luca Ciampini, "there's no better feeling" than coming back into his old barn to beat his former Herd.

The 20-year-old left-winger from Montreal, who won the Memorial Cup two years ago with the Halifax Mooseheads, assisted the game-winner to help give his new team, the Baie-Comeau Drakkar, a 2-1 win over Halifax in front of 8,612 fans at the Scotiabank Centre, on Saturday night.

"I was just driving wide," Ciampini said of his nice setup in the third period. "I saw Greg (Jérémy Grégoire) going for the net hard, and I just put the puck on net."

The goal broke the tie at 10:32 in that final frame of a game between two longtime rival squads. Halifax topped Baie-Comeau 4-1 in the final series for the 2013 President Cup.

Saturday's story ended differently, despite a goal from



Baie-Comeau Drakkar forward Luca Ciampini said "there's no better feeling" than coming back to Halifax to play against his former team. **DAVID CHAN/HALIFAX MOOSEHEADS**

Mooseheads' Nikolaj Ehlers on a power play at 3:16 in the first. The 18-year-old centreman popped in his own rebound.

After a scoreless second, Maxime St-Cyr tied it up at 7:16 in the third, and after Grégoire's goal from Ciampini, that was all she wrote for the Mooseheads,

who are 10th place in QMJHL standings. The Drakkar are fourth.

Ciampini, who spent four seasons with the Herd, called it both "weird" and "nice" to be back in Halifax to play against his former squad for the first time.

"First period, I think I poke-checked Ehlers, but I

told him I did not have the speed to beat him going to the net," the over-ager said with a chuckle.

"Obviously, there are moments on the ice (when) we can talk, but at the end of the day, you're not friends on the ice, and you go out there to try to win."

Halifax rookie goaltender

Friday

Ehlers up to 25 goals

Nikolaj Ehlers notched his 24th and 25th goals of the season Friday night, in addition to an assist, to lead the Halifax Mooseheads to a 3-1 win over the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles in front of 9,215 fans at the Scotiabank Centre.

Cape Breton goalie Alexandre Belanger made 33 saves, while Kevin Resop turned away 25 shots.

After Saturday, Ehlers has 26 goals and 40 assists for 66 points in 32 games played, good enough for 10th in QMJHL scoring.

Kevin Resop made 32 saves, while Baie-Comeau netminder Philippe Cadorette turned away 38 pucks.

A day off Sunday followed by a solid practice Monday should get Halifax back on track for Tuesday night's road game against the third-place overall Moncton Wildcats, Resop said.

"We've just got to ... really focus on how we play our game."

Djokovic beats Murray for fifth win in Australia

This was one occasion where Novak Djokovic couldn't really empathize with Andy Murray, his longtime friend.

As he prepared to receive the trophy for the Australian Open winner for a fifth time in five trips to the final at Melbourne Park, Djokovic turned to Murray late Sunday and offered his congratulations on his friend's recent engagement.

Nice segue. Murray had just lost an Australian Open final for the fourth time, including three to Djokovic. Murray won the U.S. Open in 2012 and Wimbledon in 2013, but was clearly upset at this 7-6 (5), 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-0 defeat.

"I wish you a wonderful wedding and many kids," Djokovic said, kicking off his trophy acceptance speech. Murray smiled. His fiancée, Kim Sears, applauded from her seat in the crowd.

"Novak has won five times



Andy Murray, right, wasn't too happy about losing a fourth Australian Open final, the third to Novak Djokovic, who won his fifth. **BERNAT ARMANGUE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

In numbers

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Djokovic has 16 wins over Murray, who has eight in the head-to-head series

here now, there's no disgrace in losing to him," said Murray,

who now trails 16-8 in career head-to-head matches.

Djokovic's win Sunday followed up on top-ranked Serena Williams' win in the women's final Saturday night against Maria Sharapova, giving the 33-year-old American a sixth Australian and 19th Grand Slam title. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Golf. Koepka claims his first PGA Tour victory

With a long eagle putt, Brooks Koepka surged into the lead and stayed there Sunday in the Phoenix Open for his first PGA Tour victory.

Lingering for most of the final round, Koepka holed a 50-foot eagle putt from the fringe on the 15th hole and didn't make any mistakes the rest of the way.

He closed with a 5-under 66 to finish at 16-under 269 at TPC Scottsdale, a stroke



Brooks Koepka
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ahead of Hideki Matsuyama (67), Masters champion Bubba Watson (65) and Ryan Palmer (66). Martin Laird

watched the ball disappear into the cup on the par-3 16th hole and put some elbow grease into his fist pump. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NHL. Hutton shuts out a sloppy Pittsburgh offence

Connor Hutton stopped 21 shots to pick up his second career shutout as the Nashville Predators beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 4-0 on Sunday.

Gabriel Bourque, Roman Josi, Eric Nystrom and Mike Fisher scored, giving the Pred-

ators their first regulation win in Pittsburgh in 11 years.

The Predators ended a five-game losing streak to Pittsburgh by taking advantage of sloppy play by the Penguins, who have lost six of eight.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You'll be asked to give your opinion on a controversial topic today, and you must be honest about what you think.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Put your own needs first over the next few days, because if you don't you'll lose out to people who are not as deserving of success.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

The coming week will be a time of great activity. You know where to get it — now you must find the confidence to reach out and take it.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

If you help someone in need today it will make both of you feel better. But why help one person when, by joining some kind of charitable movement, you could help thousands?

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Stop dreaming about what you'd like to do and start doing it. It doesn't matter how far-fetched your dream is. If you start working towards it, one day it will come true.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Are you inspired by other people's successes, or do they make you envious? Either way it can motivate you to do more yourself. This can be a time of real achievement.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Anyone who thinks they know you will be mightily surprised today as you do the opposite of what they expect.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

If someone gets aggressive in their attempts to sell you something you don't want, be it an object or an idea, be a bit aggressive back at them.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

There seems to be a lot of tension in your dealings with other people at the moment, both in your personal affairs and at work. The good news is that tension can be creative.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Something unexpected will knock you out of your stride today and you will find it hard to get your rhythm back. It may be frustrating but don't make a big issue out of it.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

There is nothing you cannot do, no challenge you cannot handle. If you are a typical Aquarius you will seek out situations that test you to the limit over the next few days.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

If someone annoys you today just turn your back and walk away. If you allow yourself to get drawn into an argument you will get angry and say things you might regret.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. "... and now, without further"
4. Toast's border
9. Daisy's optimistic pal
13. Twice yearly
16. Half, as in music
17. Actor born in Kirkland Lake, Ontario: 2 wds.
18. "En garde!" blade
19. Glacial ice block
20. "For ___ jolly good fellow..."
22. Split ___ (New Zealand band)
23. "Why so interested?": 4 wds.
27. 1975 War hit: "Why Can't ___ Friends?"
30. "Fabulous!"
31. Hair lock
32. Alphabetic trio
33. River to the Rhine (var. sp.)
34. La ___, city of Bolivia
35. Rihanna's latest tune, a collaboration with Kanye West and Paul McCartney
41. Lunch time, little-ly
42. Hi-___ (Electronically advanced)
43. Not in style
44. Step
47. Body of water
48. Ashen
49. Bit of #35-Across: "I'm just tryna make it back home by ___ ..."
53. Evita's land, briefly
54. 2015
55. Grace
59. "Ten-four" sayer
61. Library of ___ (Described as Canada's "most beautiful room")

64. The Guess Who bassist Jim
65. Slowly burned
66. Procedure/meth-od (abbr.)
67. ___ cheese
68. Endings for many Y-ending words when plural

plural

Down

1. Botanist Mr. Gray's
2. Remove, to a proofreader
3. Mr. Sharif
4. ___ a cold
5. Monogram of

- Burnaby-born Edmonton Oilers player who wears #93
6. Prefix with 'cycle'
7. What parting is in Romeo and Juliet: 3 wds.
8. Star Trek star George

9. Feminine 'one' in French
10. Comical sailor
11. Secretaries skilled at shorthand, shortly
12. 2013 Kanye West album
14. Floored: 2 wds.
15. For fear that
21. Affix
24. Anticipate
25. Actress Anna
26. Rice-shaped pasta
27. Panda symbol org.
28. Prefix to 'skeleton'
29. Sch. in Provo, Utah
33. Fracas
34. Nut type
36. Viking operation
37. Nostradamus, for one
38. Agatha Christie novel, ___ M?
39. Scheduled
40. Pig's pen
44. ___ one's lips (Really enjoys that meal)
45. Newfoundland town near St. John's
46. God's helpers
48. Garden guy
50. "Uh-huh." [pl.]
51. Ladies
52. Apple tablets
56. Yesterday, in Italy
57. Snick-or-___
58. Puny plane postings
60. Finished with work [abbr.]
62. Him, in Montreal
63. Elles opposites

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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4	7	2	9	5	1	8	6	3
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